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SUBJECT: AIFLD COUNTRY BUDGET SUBMISSION FORECASTS FOR FY 1974
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1. CT RECOMMENDS AIFLD COUNTRY PROGRAM LEVELS FOR FY 1974 AND
FY 1975 AS PROJECTED IN LATEST AIFLD COUNTRY LABOR PLAN FOR
NICARAGUA. FY 1974--\$143,550.00 AND FY 1975--\$151,613.00.

2. CONDITIONS IN POST-EARTHQUAKE NICARAGUA ARE ESPECIALLY
PROPITIOUS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF FREE AND DEMOCRATIC LABOR UNIONS.
INTEREST IN JOINING LABOR UNIONS HAS BEEN ACCENTUATED AS NICARAGUAN
WORKERS RECOVER FROM FINANCIAL LOSSES IN EARTHQUAKE AND FOR FIRST
TIME IN RECENT NICARAGUAN HISTORY FEEL THE PINCH OF INFLATION.
FAILURE OF DEMOCRATIC LABOR MOVEMENT TO RESPOND TO WORKERS'
CURRENT CONCERN FOR JOB SECURITY AND EQUITABLE WAGES WILL LEAVE
FIELD OPEN TO COMMUNIST DOMINATED LABOR ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE
PRESENTLY ATTEMPTING TO CAPITALIZE ON CONSTRUCTION STRIKE TO
ASSUME LEADERSHIP OF LABOR MOVEMENT. CT BELIEVES GRADUALLY
EXPANDED AIFLD PROGRAM AS PROJECTED IN CLP CONTAINS REALISTIC
GOALS WHICH CAN MAKE LASTING CONTRIBUTION TO BUILDING FREE AND
DEMOCRATIC LABOR MOVEMENT IN NICARAGUA WHICH WILL EFFECTIVELY
WORK TO IMPROVE NICARAGUAN WORKERS' STANDARD OF LIVING. IN
ADDITION, CHANCES FOR SUCCESS IN MEETING CLP GOALS ARE ENHANCED
BY GON SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT FOR AIFLD PROGRAMS.
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